

To whom it may concern: I have been an XM subscriber for more than a year now. When I heard that the XM traffic and weather services are coming under fire from petition 04-160, I was outraged. Weather and traffic are two features of XM's service that I use frequently as I travel around the country. I believe that XM has done a great job of providing its subscribers with the best possible service. I also believe that the people who started satellite radio should not be punished for marketing a good that is in high demand. I would further point out that XM is no monopoly by any means; Sirius is a major competitor of XM and also strives to bring its customers the best possible service. The National Association of Broadcasters has no right to lobby against the service that XM provides. I pay for my XM service, and for that I demand weather, traffic, and other local information. XM is simply supplying that demand. Weather and Traffic information is public, and I choose to pay to have XM supply me with that information, which is free to any and all who choose to receive it from the local AM and FM stations. My point here is simply that I have made that choice, whether the information is public or not. Please realize that XM is providing a service that its subscribers are willing to pay for. This is no more than an example of the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States of America. I now ask you to reject petition 04-160; for America and our freedom! Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,
John D. Zechlin